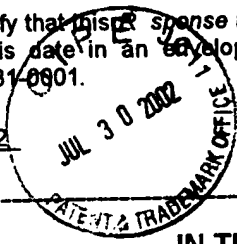


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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 11, 2001, Applicants have attached hereto a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate a double patenting rejection of all of the currently pending claims in the above-referenced patent application, namely claims 20 and 23-31, over prior Patent No. 6,227,946.

Applicants believe the attached Terminal Disclaimer places this application in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit such allowance. Should the Examiner have any further questions or requirements regarding this application, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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